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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/EP99/09399

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: 01 DEC 1999

INVENTION: METHOD AND CIRCUIT
ARRANGEMENT FOR
CONFIRMING THE
SERVICEABILITY AND CORRECT
USE OF CONNECTING CABLES IN
A SWITCHING DEVICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-captioned application for United States Letters Patent:

Reference AA	U.S. 5,448,574	Sept. 5, 1995
Reference AB	U.S. 5,805,571	Sept. 8, 1998
Reference AC	U.S. 5,499,235	March 12, 1996
Reference AD	U.S. 5,339,310	August 16, 1994
Reference AQ	N. Miyaho et al., ATM Node System Technology for Effective Maintainability, IEICE Trans. Commu., Vol. E-79-B, No. 12, December 1996.	

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA discloses a detection system for abnormal cable connections in communication apparatuses.

Reference AB discloses a dynamic communication line analyzer apparatus and method.

Reference AC discloses a method for simulating transmission on a transmission network working in a synchronous transfer mode and a simulator of transmission on such network.

Reference AD discloses a switching apparatus for switched network of a synchronous transfer mode.

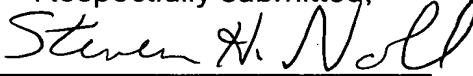
Reference AQ concerns ATM node system technology for effective maintainability.

None of the above-cited references discloses or suggests a circuit and method for automatic rectification in converters, as disclosed and claimed in the present application.

Copies of each reference, together with Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the International Search Reports, are submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted together with the original application papers, and is therefore in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1). Thus, no fee payment is required.

All claims of this application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the cited references, taken singularly or in any reasonable combination. Hence, early and favorable consideration if the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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